CA ERAP: COVID-19 Rent Relief Program
Local Partner Network
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CA ERAP: Strategic Partnership Framework

- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) was tasked with strategically administering the country’s largest unified emergency rental assistance program in the nation, covering approximately 64% of the state’s population, with local emergency rental assistance programs covering the rest.

- With data insights from UrbanFootprint and on-the-ground efforts from the Local Partner Network (LPNs), LISC worked with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), successfully serving in-need households, improving housing and economic stability throughout the State.
CA COVID–19 Rent Relief Program Dashboard

Our Impact

- $4.7 Billion deployed to 371,689 Households
- Average Assistance: $11,955
- 463,639 Completed Applications
- More than 80% of applicants assisted were very low or extremely low income households, earning less than 50% of Area Median Income.

Source: https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/dashboard.html
Local Partner Network – At a glance...

**LPN SIZE AND REACH**
- **176** Partners
- **118** Partners Providing Remote Support
- **450** Jurisdictions Served Across the State
- **22** Languages Assisted In
- **98%** of households estimated to be at risk of eviction within 25 mi. of LPN

**LPN APPOINTMENTS**
- **144K+** Appointments Held in-person and remotely
- **37K+** Appointments Held (limited or no broadband)
- **53K+** Appointments Held (limited digital literacy)
- **26K+** Appointments Held (assistance for people with disabilities)

**DEMOGRAPHICS OF CLIENTS ASSISTED BY LPNS**
- **63%** Primary Language: English
- **67%** Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino
- **33%** Race: Multi-Racial
- **19%** Race: Black or African-American
- **8%** Race: Asian

*Data reflects the period from 3/15/2021 through 9/30/22.*
Local Partner Network – At a glance...

- **Total # of LPN Organizations Since Program Inception:** 176

- **At the program’s peak,** 145 Local Partner Network (LPN) Organizations were actively serving clients in more than 22 unique languages.

- **LISC Appointment Center** provided remote/live support in more than 14 languages.
Local Partner Network – At a glance...

*The network covered the entire geography of the State of California*
Questions?

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Additional CA ERAP Data-Driven Insights

LISC Overview & Impact
According to an estimate produced by Urban Footprint, **98% of the estimated population** at risk of eviction fell within **25 miles** of a Local Partner Network organization in March 2021.
Eviction Risk Impact

- **Housing Instability**: Eviction can result in homelessness, relocation to dangerous neighborhoods, or overcrowding in existing living arrangements.
  - Stress
  - Anxiety

- **Economic Impact**: Eviction can lead to loss of income, incur debt, and damage credit scores.
  - Long-term financial instability
  - Increased health problems
  - Difficulties finding housing

- **Impact on Children**: Children who experience eviction are more likely to experience trauma, have lower academic achievement, and suffer from behavioral problems.
  - Cycle of poverty
  - Fewer opportunities for success

- **Neighborhood and community disruption**: High rates of eviction can lead to increased vacancies and abandoned properties, which can have a negative impact on neighborhood safety and access to affordable housing.
  - Poor access to affordable housing
  - Negative impact on safety
Of those who applied, more than 56% are women heads of household, and more than 27% of applicants were over the age of 50.

The State focused on prioritizing households who applied first and were at highest risk of eviction regardless of where they fall within the 80% Area Median Income and below eligibility.
LISC connects local groups across America with the capital and technical know-how to help build inclusive resilient communities of opportunity.
LISC Model

LISC is an investor, capacity builder, convener and innovator.

Pool Public and Private Dollars

We raise funds from philanthropies, corporations and financial firms, federal, state and local governments and through the capital markets.

We also generate income from consulting, and lending services.

Work With Local Partners

Through a network of local offices and community-based partners across the country, we provide grants, loans, equity and technical assistance.

We also lead advocacy efforts on local, regional and national policy.

Support People and Places

By investing in housing, businesses, jobs, schools, public spaces, safety, youth, health centers, grocery stores and more, we catalyze opportunities in communities nationwide.
LISC Impact

We create opportunities for people to thrive.

489,261 affordable homes for more than a million people

515 schools and early childhood centers for 124,000+ students

452 fields and recreational spaces for more than 745,000 kids

130 Financial Opportunity Centers® in more than 30 urban and rural markets nation-wide serving tens of thousands of people annually

210 food and health-related projects, including clinics and grocery stores serving thousands of families

Plus 100s of other retail, arts and community projects